

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[C]]~~configuration ~~[[100]]~~ comprising: an active optical component ~~[[20]]~~ that is electrically connected to a flexible electronic board ~~[[10]]~~, the active optical component being designed to be aligned with an optical system, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the electronic board is a flexible circuit with a high density of interconnections, called a HDI flexible circuit, with an upper longitudinal surface ~~[[10a]]~~ that comprises a metallic brazing sector ~~[[6]]~~ in contact with a microwave transmission path ~~[[3]]~~ of the HDI flexible circuit, ~~[[and [also characterized] in that]]~~ and also characterized in that the active optical component on one of its surfaces ~~[[20a]]~~, i.e. the contact surface, comprises a metallic contact sector ~~[[21]]~~ that coincides directly with the metallic brazing sector by turning said active optical component over onto the HDI flexible circuit.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[C]]~~configuration ~~[[100]]~~ ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the metallic brazing sector ~~[[6]]~~ comprises a network of metallic brazing contact studs ~~[[61, 62]]~~ with a diameter of roughly 30 μm .
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[C]]~~configuration ~~[[100]]~~ ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the upper longitudinal surface ~~[[10a]]~~ of the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[10]]~~ comprises a zone of electrical insulation ~~[[51]]~~ in an essentially annular configuration around one of the ends of the microwave transmission path ~~[[3]]~~ and extending through a flared electrical insulation zone ~~[[52]]~~, ~~[[and [also characterized] in that]]~~ and also characterized in that one of said metallic brazing contact studs, i.e. the central contact ~~[[61]]~~, is located on said end and the other metallic brazing contact studs ~~[[62]]~~ are distributed essentially in a semi-circle or circles on a ground conductive zone ~~[[4]]~~ in the vicinity of the side of said annular electrical insulation zone.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[C]]~~configuration ~~[[100]]~~ ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3,

~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the flared electrical insulation zone ~~[[52]]~~ ends in a narrowed electrical insulation zone ~~[[53]]~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[C]]~~ configuration ~~[[100]]~~ ~~as claimed in one of claims of~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 4]]~~, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the active optical component can be chosen from among a photodiode ~~[[20]]~~ that is able to receive modulated optical signal by the longitudinal surface ~~[[20b]]~~, i.e. the receiving surface, parallel to the contact surface ~~[[20a]]~~, and a laser that is able to supply modulated optical signals by the longitudinal surface, i.e. the transmission surface, parallel to the contact surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[C]]~~ configuration ~~[[100]]~~ ~~as claimed in one of~~ ~~[[claims]]~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 5]]~~, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that the upper longitudinal surface ~~[[10a]]~~ of the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[10]]~~ comprises another metallic brazing sector ~~[[7]]~~, said other sector being in contact with one end of the microwave transmission path ~~[[3]]~~ and with another microwave transmission path ~~[[3']]~~ of the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[10]]~~, ~~[[and [also characterized] in that]]~~ and also characterized in that it comprises an active electronic component ~~[[50]]~~ that has, on one of its surfaces, i.e. the contact surface ~~[[50a]]~~, a metallic contact sector that coincides directly with said other metallic brazing sector by turning the active electronic component over onto the HDI flexible circuit.

7. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[O]]~~ optoelectronic device ~~[[300]]~~ that is equipped with a box ~~[[60]]~~ ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that it comprises the configuration ~~[[100]]~~ as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 6]]~~ and an optical system ~~[[30]]~~ aligned with the active optical component ~~[[20]]~~, the configuration and the optical system being kept in the box.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[O]]~~ optoelectronic device ~~[[300]]~~ ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 7, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ characterized in that when the active optical component ~~[[20]]~~ is chosen from among said photodiode and said laser, the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[10]]~~ is bent and the upper longitudinal surface ~~[[10a]]~~ comprises a first part, with respect to the bottom of the box ~~[[61]]~~ extended by a second part containing said brazing sector ~~[[6]]~~ with respect to one

of the lateral transverse surfaces [(62)] of the box.

9. (Currently Amended) The [(O)]optoelectronic device [(300)] ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~[(characterized in that)]~~ characterized in that the receiving surface [(20b)] of the active optical component [(20)] is attached by an optically transparent adhesive [(40)] to one end of an optical fiber [(30)] integral with said lateral transverse surface [(62)] of the box.

10. (Currently Amended) A [(P)]process of manufacture of a configuration [(100)] as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 [(to 6)], ~~[(characterized in that)]~~ characterized in that it comprises the following stages:

- the stage of formation of the metallic brazing sector [(6)] of the HDI flexible circuit [(10)] by physical vapor phase deposition,
- the stage of formation of the metallic contact sector [(21)] of the active optical component [(20)],
- the stage of installation of the active optical component [(20)] on the HDI flexible circuit by turning it over and brazing.

11. (Currently Amended) The [(P)]process of manufacture of a configuration [(100)] ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 10, ~~[(characterized in that)]~~ characterized in that it comprises the following stages

- the stage of formation of another metallic brazing sector (7) of the HDI flexible circuit [(10)] by physical vapor phase deposition,
the stage of formation of the metallic contact sector of the active electronic component [(50)],
the stage of installation of the active electronic component on the HDI flexible circuit by turning it over and brazing.

12. (Currently Amended) A [(P)]process of manufacture of an optoelectronic device [(300)] ~~as claimed in one of~~ [(claims)] claim 8 [(or 9)], ~~[(characterized in that)]~~ characterized in that it comprises the stages of manufacture of a configuration [(100)] ~~as claimed in one of~~

[[claims]] claim 10 or 11 ~~[[and [also characterized] in that]]~~ and also characterized in that it comprises a stage of supporting the configuration and the optical system in said box including the bending of the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[(10)]]~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[P]]~~process of manufacture of an optoelectronic device ~~[[(300)]]~~ ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 12, [[characterized in that]] characterized in that the optical system comprises an optical fiber ~~[[(30)]]~~, wherein the stage of supporting the configuration and the optical fiber in the box includes the following:

- bonding the optical fiber in one of the lateral transverse surfaces ~~[[(62)]]~~ and bonding the active electronic component ~~[[(50)]]~~ in the bottom of the box ~~[[(61)]]~~,
- soldering the end of the HDI flexible circuit ~~[[(10)]]~~ to one interconnection located at the level of the other of the lateral transverse surfaces of the box ~~[[(63)]]~~.